

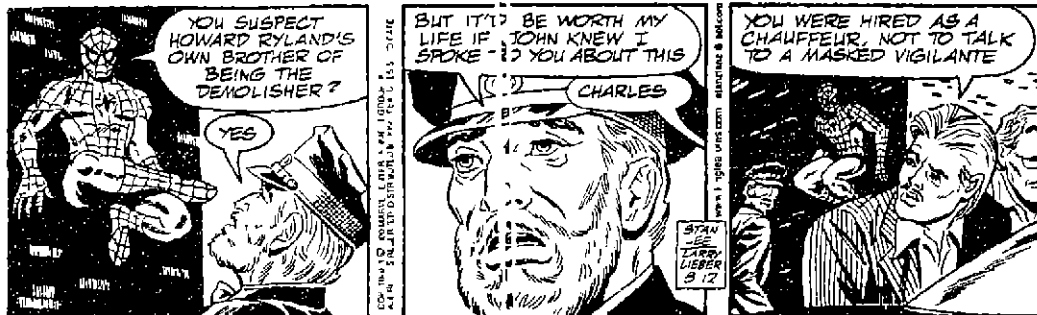
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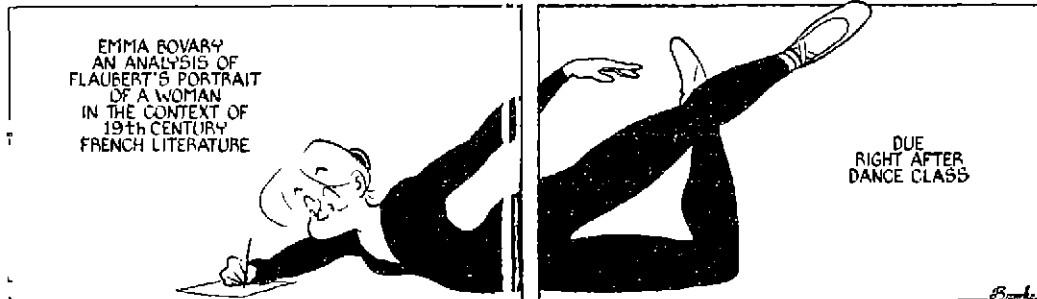
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



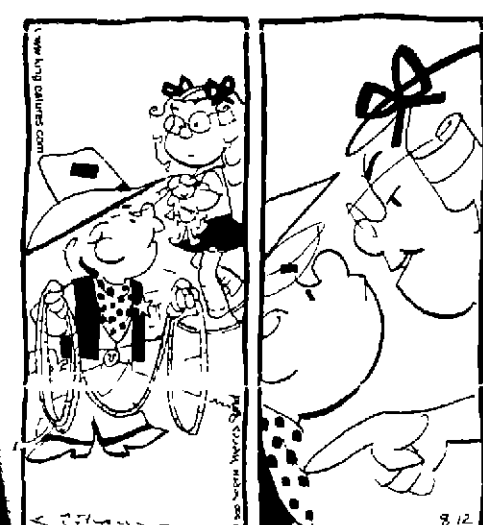
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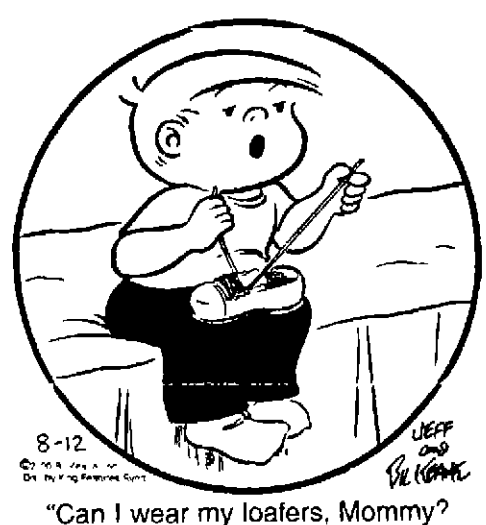
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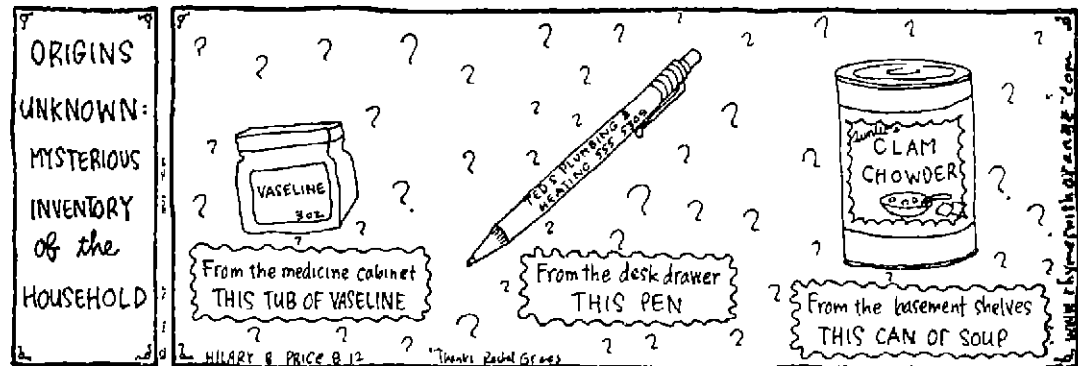
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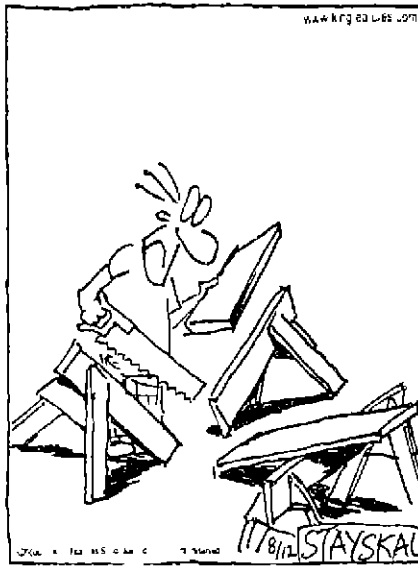
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Choreographer Michael Kidd is 81
Country singer Porter Wagoner is 73
Singer-musician Buck Owens is 71
Actor George Hamilton is 61
Actress Jennifer Warren is 59
Rock singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 51
Singer Kid Creole is 50
Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 48
Actor Sam J. Jones is 46
Country singer Danny Shirley is 44

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 125-135 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points for each word using the point values of the letters. All words must be in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (4th Edition) or the Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) Judd 5 Solution Tomorrow.

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Aug. 13

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Career opportunities will come knocking. Will you answer?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You may find yourself butting heads with co-workers or housemates.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Grab your megaphone and tell it like it is.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Plan something romantic or surprising for someone you care about deeply.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Compromise and negotiation are the keys to a successful relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your hard work behind the scenes will soon take center stage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Creativity is in full flow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The people you choose to associate with affect your mood and your intellect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Walk into a waterfall and feel the rush of nature surround your being.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) If the situation at the office is less than perfect, you should consider the beauty and balance elsewhere.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Embrace the opportunity for a business dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Learn to appreciate the value of time and make the most of it.

WORD SLEUTH

WORDS ENDING WITH "ADE"

NYWTRPMEKEIFDBY
WUSQOMKEDAKCOLB
IFEDGBEAEEZEXW
EUSDQRPDDEKMON
LDLJAAEDALOC CAD
IHAFCCDNLNCAOYA
MMASQUERADEWVTC
ETESIRQDMDPMNLS
AKIHELEFREECOB
DZYS EDARAH CWVR
EDASURCPMUSRQPP

Friday's unlisted clue: BARBECUE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue: 10 PER CENTURY

Accolade Crusade Limesade Promenade
Blockade Escapade Marmalade Serenade
Cascade Grenade Masquerade Stockade
Charade Lemonade Palisade

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ACES

By Bobby Wolff

East's adventuresome overall applied the brakes to the North-South auction, and South's one-no-trump call became the final contract. The play was quick after a heart lead. East won his queen and shifted to the spade king. South ducked, won the continuation, and settled for his eight obvious winners. In the re-play, a more "disciplined" East passed over North's opening, allowing South to bid hearts. A pushy auction followed, and South became declarer at four hearts. East could contain himself no longer and he doubled. West led his spade queen to South's ace, and South cashed three diamonds to discard a spade. After cashing dummy's top clubs, he led dummy's last diamond and overruffed when East ruffed low. South then crossruffed in the black suits, limiting East to only his three top trump winners. This produced a huge swing (790-120 670 points), good for a 12-IMP gain. What did the critical West contribute after he noted the 12-IMP gain? Like a typical politician running for office, he said "Our opponents never came close to bidding four hearts. We were the ones who bid hearts first."

NORTH
♠ A 6 5 2
♥ 8 7 6
♦ A Q J 6
♣ A K

WEST
♠ Q J 10 9 7
♥ 4
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 8 8 7

EAST
♠ K 4
♥ A K Q 5
♦ 10 J 3
♣ J 10 3

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ J 10 9 3 2
♦ K 9
♣ Q 10 4 2

Vulnerable North South
Dealer North

The bidding
North East South West
1♦ 1♥ 1NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart four

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0701

ACROSS

1 Bygone hangout for 64-Acrosses

9 Popular money-raiser

15 Regional figure

16 Joined forces?

17 Common restaurant request

18 Lights-out activity

19 Post-graduate pursuit

20 Part of some military academy attire

22 ___ cheese

24 "Well?"

25 Scheme

27 Old African rulers

28 It won't keep you up

30 Steady

31 Stumped

33 ___ Flite (bicycle brand)

35 Untested

36 Family gathering, maybe

40 Bill provider

41 Touristy district

42 ___ Miguel

43 California city, county or river

45 Blockish

47 Head of the Egyptian god Thoth

51 Walk noisily

53 Big time

54 Peace Nobel Cassin

55 Symbol of speed

59 Grey who co-starred in "Three Smart Girls"

60 Defensive wall around an outer court of a castle

61 Lighter?

63 Confine

64 See 1-Across and 2-Down

65 African carner

66 Employer for creative types

DOWN

1 Like many packages

2 Modern hangout for 64-Acrosses

3 Latitude

4 Shooter

5 Delraud

6 Reception VIP

7 City southwest of Midland

8 The groom's ex, say

9 Literally "scrapped"

10 Smart ones

11 Screwballs

12 Adjust

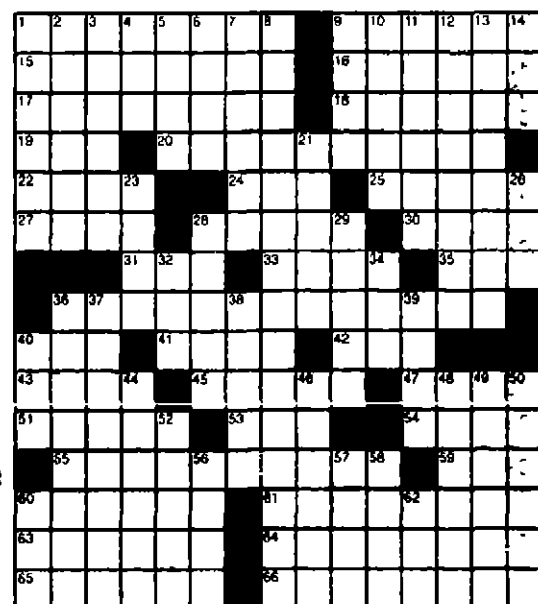
13 Decent

14 Suffix on some country names

21 Played a card?

23 Certain NCO

26 Collection area



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DEVELOPMENTAL AREA
EDITORIAL COLUMN
SIDEWALK ARTISTS
CEES TOES SESE
FOAM COOT MON
LOST OPPORTUNITY
ACTIVE INTERESTS
WAITING FOR GODOT
SLA EASE ENOS
ISL SASS
SCAN ESPY GAGA
CONCESSIONAIRES
ARTURO TOSCANINI
RAISES ONE SHOPS

28 Endured

29 Spring up

32 Some E R admissions

34 Bob Dylan's "Night Like This"

36 War of the Roses battle site

37 Blunt perhaps

38 Bearded growth

39 Film follower

40 Like some history Abbr

44 Fetish

46 Get really hot

48 Favorable

49 Very soon

50 "I'm a..."

52 Aristocrats

56 Scot's "since"

57 Not docked

58 Big ape

60 Was taken in

62 Response from a bonny lass?

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